President’s Message

The January general ZOOM meeting featuring Dan Krishe discussing Devonian and Silurian fossils in WNY was an enjoyable discussion for all those that were able to tune in. I know that we had a glitch in getting the invites out to the membership but that issue has been rectified.

The February meeting will be an in-person “work” meeting basically filling bags for the “Mining for Minerals” and a number of larger grab-bags for adults and children. We will also be doing addressing of postcards if that job hasn’t been completed.

As the annual show is fast approaching, we are going to have sign-up sheets available, both virtual and in person, for members to volunteer their time at the annual show and “commit” to helping out at the following sites on Saturday and Sunday as well as any combination of those days: Admission, Club Table, Mini-Mine, and Mining for Minerals.

Jerry Bastedo is going to be providing additional information about the SHOW in the GeoLetter and will be answering any questions from the members regarding the event.

In addition, in this edition of the GeoLetter, there is information regarding the annual Cincinnati Trip occurring April 21-24, 2022. If there are any questions, please contact J. Bastedo. His contact data is on the last page of the newsletter.

The BGS Geology Continuing Education Forum resumes their meetings in January 2022 starting on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 8:45 am. The tentative activity will be a video presentation on a topic of geologic interest. The video will be approximately 30-45 minutes in duration.

For those not familiar with the Forum, it is a semi-structured meeting where we start off with a breakfast then proceed to discuss geological, albeit primarily paleontological, topics and set up occasional excursions to collect specimens. Everyone is welcome and is a fantastic program to foster fellowship and good will.

As a reminder, we are sending this GeoLetter via the digital format. If you wish to have this newsletter in an “old” format (hard copy) to continue for yourself, please contact Marilyn Broad at 716-632-8355 or billandmar@yahoo.com.

The availability of the ZOOM platform to hold virtual meetings has all but rendered the policy of cancelling meetings if the Buffalo Public Schools are closed a moot point. If, however, a major event occurs and connectivity is improbable we will issue a closing on the three major TV stations which are WGRZ, WIVB and WKBW.

Craig Posmantur President - Buffalo Geological Society
April 21-25, 2022

The Buffalo Geological Society's 5th Annual Cincinnati Trip to collect fossils will be held in April 21-24, 2022. We plan on visiting two quarries containing Silurian and Ordovician fossils in Indiana, and other sites in the Cincinnati area, which will be arranged and be led by BGS Board Member Jerry Bastedo, which is the 17th Cincinnati trip that he has scheduled and led to this area.

**Participants are requested to be current BGS members.** Jerry, who has been designated as the BGS Fossil Director, to setup field trips, is also working on several other fossil collecting sites in WNY, Canada, and other locations for BGS members in 2022.

If you are interested in participating in this trip, please contact Jerry for more detailed information on collecting sites, evening events, and on making the hotel reservations at the Hampton Inn in West Chester, OH, where a group rate will be setup. Jerry may be contacted at (716) 864-2701 or by emailing him at jcbastedo@gmail.com for the hotel information and updates on the weekend's events.

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**IN MEMORIUM**

We extend our condolences to the family of Patricia Karaszewski who was a long time member of the BGS. She will be sadly missed by her many friends and relatives.

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**GET WELL WISHES**

Get well wishes go out to Judy Russell after her knee replacement surgery and to Don Lapham after his hip replacement surgery. We wish them both a speedy recovery, so they can go collect more rocks.

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**SHOW DISPLAY CASES**

If you are planning to enter a display case for this year's show, please contact Don Lapham for the necessary forms at 6802 Erica Lane, Lockport, NY 14094 or 716-438-3794. He will be emailing them to everyone in the near future.
Buffalo Geological Society Winter/Spring Coming Events

Jan. 26 – Continuing Education Meeting 8:45 am

Feb. 4 – 7:30 pm – BGS Meeting – Show Prep – bags for mineral mining to be filled, postcards for show to be addressed, etc.

Feb. 10 – BGS Board Meeting 7:30pm – 100 Lee St.

Feb. 23 – Continuing Education Meeting 8:45 am

March 4 – BGS Meeting – Live Auction – Rules will be in March newsletter

March 10 – BGS Board Meeting 7:30pm – 100 Lee St.

March 18 – Set-up for show – noon until ?

March 19 & 20 – ANNUAL GEM, MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW

March 30 – Continuing Education Meeting 8:45 am

April 1 – BGS Meeting 7:30 pm – Speaker will be Glen LaPlaca

April 7 – BGS Board Meeting 7:30pm – 100 Lee St.

May 6 – Annual Banquet & Installation of New Officers, held at J’s White Elephant, 1404 Abbott Rd. Lackawanna, NY 14219